checking and tuning facilities. These Centres have provided pollution checking facilities to approx. 9.84 lakh vehicles between July, 1990 and Jan. 1993-Approx. 2.77 lakh polluting vehicles were tuned and their polluion level brought within prescribed standards.

Approx. 2.15 lakh commercial vehicles *viz.* Trucks, Buses, Auto rickshaws and Taxis are registered in Delhi. These vehicles have to undergo periodic certification for road-worthiness. At the time of Road Worthiness inspection, vehicles conforming to prescribed pollution standards are granted 'Certificate of Fitness'.

A total number of 18.36 lakh vehicles owners have availed pollution checking facility beween March, 90 and January, 1993. Approx. 2.30 lakh vehicle owners have been issued warning slips during the above mentioned period for non-compliance of standards prescribed in Cenral Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

A prosecution drive was launched in the month of April, 90. 19,394 number of vehicles have been challaned till Jan., 93 in accordance with provisions of Motor Vehicles Act, 1908 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. In addition, 'Certificate of Fitness' of 5966 transport vehicles and 'Pollution Control Check Certificate' of 68,187 vehicles have been cancelled and their vehicle owners have been instructed to bring their vehicles wihin prescribed standards before obtaining 'Certificate of Fitness'/ 'Pollution Control Check Certificate'.

Public opinion regarding Red Line Bus Service

2876. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the unhappiness of the lacs of passengers in Delhi over the induction of Red Line buses running under STA permit;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received so far and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether Government are making/ likely to make any survey to get passengers/public opinion on this scheme;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Some instances of this nature have come to the notice of the Government. Upto Feb. 1993 the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have received 334 complaints. Action has been initiated under the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules thereunder against each complaint.

(c) to (e) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has programmed to conduct a survey of this sort shortly. The results will be known after the survey is carried out.

Contracts for cross border leasing of vessels

2877. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shipping Corporation of India has decided to enter into contracts for cross-border leasing of vessels and acquisition of second hand ships;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the names of countries with whom SCI have entered or propose to enter into such contracts;

(c) the number of vessels and ships proposed to be acquired and at what cost in terms of dollars and rupees;

(d) whether the SCI is facing the problems of shortage of officers and if so, what are the reaosns therefor; and

(e) what stamps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Shipping Corporation is currently facing an acute shortage of certified Officers as many Officers prefer to join foreign companies where they get tax free wages.

(e) The Government and Shipping Corporation of India have taken steps to train and recruit more Officers.

देश में बस सेवाओं का सर्वेक्षण

2878. **डा. बापू कालदाते** : क्या जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश के महत्वपूर्ण शहरों में उपलब्ध बस सुविधाओं के बारे में कोई सर्वेक्षण किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि राज्यों की राजधानियों सहित देश के कई महत्वपूर्ण शहरों में बस सेवाएं उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने देश के नगरवासियों को कुशल बस सेवा प्रदान करने के कोई योजना तैयार की है,

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।

(घ) से (च) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

इंदिरा गांधी नहर में जल-परिवहन

2879. **श्री शिवचरण सिंह** : क्याजल भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान की इंदिरा गांधी नहर में जल परिवहन चलाने की कोई योजना थी, यदिहां तो उसका क्या हुआ ।

(ख) क्या उपर्युक्त नहर में जलयान चलाए जाएंगे, यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं, और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान नहर जिसे अब इंदिरा गांधी नहर के नाम से पुकारा जाता है, की मूल योजना में अरब सागर से पंजाब तक जल परिवहन का प्रावधान था और यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) :(क) से ग इंदिरा गांधी नहर परियोजना की निर्देशन समिति ने राजस्थान नहर में नौसंचालन संबंधी सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करवाए जाने संबंधी प्रश्न पर 1966 में विचार किया गयाथा और निम्नलिखित कारणों से उस प्रस्ताव को रद्द करने का निर्णय लिया :—

(i) कि यह एक महंगा प्रस्ताव है, और

(ii) कि नौसंचालन के लिए अपेक्षित पानी दे पाना संभव नहीं है क्योंकि इसके प्रतिवर्ष लगभग 2 लाख एकड़ सिंचाई की हानि होगी ।